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Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2003

Eighth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee has considered the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/4) on a request for a subvention of $227,600 to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) resulting from the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2003. During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General.

2. As indicated in the note, the programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2002-2003, under section 4, Disarmament, contains a provision for $447,100 for the United Nations subvention to UNIDIR (ibid., para. 3). Of that amount, $219,500 has been utilized for 2002, leaving a balance of $227,600 for 2003.

3. In the report of the Director of UNIDIR on the proposed programme of work and budget of the Institute for the biennium 2002-2003, the Director indicates that the subvention, which is used to cover the costs of the Director and administration, is important not only economically, but also to ensure the independence of the Institute (A/57/302, para. 5).

4. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee approve the request of $227,600 for UNIDIR for 2003.**

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